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HOMICIDE

E. Kleindale Rd/ N. Cherry Ave.

UPDATE July 15, 2011

On July 14, 2011, Gang Unit detectives obtained an arrest warrant for **19-year old Zechary Mazitis** in connection with this investigation. Late on July 14, 2011, the Department received information that Mazitis was possibly at a residence in the area of North 1st Avenue and East Prince Road. Officers from Operations Division Midtown responded and located him there, where he was taken into custody without incident. Mazitis is charged with **one count each of 2nd Degree Murder, Abandonment or Concealment of a Dead Body, Possession of a Weapon by a Prohibited Possessor**. He has been booked into the Pima County Jail.



Zechary Mazitis

Detectives have determined that the victim, Gonzalez, was at Mazitis' residence in the 700 block of East Buddy Lane for the purpose of conducting a narcotics transaction. During the

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transaction, a physical confrontation occurred between them, culminating in Mazitis shooting Gonzalez. Mazitis then removed Gonzalez's body from the scene, dumping it near the intersection of North Cherry Avenue and East Kleindale Road.

The investigation is ongoing and further details will be released as they become available.

The Tucson Police Department urges anyone with information about this investigation to contact **911** or **88-CRIME**.

Sgt. Matt Ronstadt – July 15, 2011

The Tucson Police Department is investigating the death of **22 year-old Rodrigo Gonzalez** who was found deceased yesterday morning on July 09, 2011.

On July 9, 2011 at 5:42 a.m., officers from Operations Division West responded to N. Cherry Ave/E. Kleindale Rd. regarding the report of deceased male lying in the roadway. Upon arrival, officers located Mr. Gonzalez who was deceased from obvious signs of trauma.

Detectives from the Gang Investigative Unit responded to the scene to continue the investigation. They collected evidence at the scene and canvassed the area for any witnesses. It appears Mr. Gonzalez may have been killed at another location and then left at E. Kleindale Rd/N. Cherry Ave. Detectives continued the investigation throughout the day and are asking for the public's assistance for any information on the death of Mr. Gonzalez.

Anyone with information on any suspect/suspects or information regarding the death of Rodrigo Gonzalez is encouraged to call **911** or **88-Crime**.

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